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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PORTUGAL

A. COSTA GOMES SAYS GONCALVES SOON TO BE REPLACED

FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, WHO AGAIN STATED THAT HE PLANS TO NAME A NEW GOVERNMENT SOON INCORPORATING BOTH MODERATES AND COMMUNISTS (WHO ARE "NOW DEMOCRATS" WHO MUST BE INCLUDED TO PREVENT GRAVE LABOR DISRUPTIONS), AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI COMMENTS:

--WHILE MODERATE POLITICIANS, INCLUDING SOARES, WILL PARTICIPATE, POWER WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ANTUNES GROUP;

--DESPITE HIS NAIVE VIEWS ABOUT THE COMMUNISTS, GOMES DOES HAVE A POINT ABOUT THEIR BEING ON THE SECRET

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DEFENSIVE. THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON MAY BE THAT THE MODERATES ARE NO LONGER AS NAIVE ABOUT THE COMMUNISTS AS THEY WERE TEN MONTHS AGO.

IN ADDITION, EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT THE INTENSE CONSULTATIONS AMONG BOTH THE ANTI AND PRO GONCALVES FORCES HAVE REKINDLED A RASH OF WEEKEND COUP RUMORS.

B. COSTA GOMES SEEKS US ASSISTANCE FOR ANGOLA AIRLIFT

FOREIGN MINISTER RUIVO TOLD AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI PORTUGAL WILL LAUNCH A NEW ANGOLA INITIATIVE, THE THRUST OF WHICH IS:

--PORTUGAL WILL REMAIN STRICTLY NEUTRAL, BUT WILL UNDERTAKE TO RENEW DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE LIBERATION GROUPS, AT LEAST UNTIL INDEPENDENCE, WHICH REMAINS NOVEMBER 11.

--LISBON WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A MPLA MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM LUANDA.

--INTERNATIONALLY, PORTUGAL WILL SEEK HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNSC AND OAU, AND WILL ISSUE AN APPEAL FOR THE CESSATION OF "FOREIGN INTERVENTION" (HE DID NOT ACCUSE THE US).

PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES SUBSEQUENTLY ENDORSED RUIVO'S COMMENTS AND REQUESTED AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN AIRLIFTING 140,000 SETTLERS TO PORTUGAL. GOMES HOPES THE OPERATION CAN BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 15. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 4810 AND 4826, 8/22 (EXDIS) AND (SECRET) LISBON 4799 AND 4815, 8/22.

2. DENKTASH LIKELY TO DISAPPOINT GREEKS IN NEW YORK TALKS

ALTHOUGH DENKTASH REAFFIRMED AUGUST 20 THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS TERRITORIAL QUESTIONS IN NEW YORK, HE ADDED THAT IT COULD NOT BE IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES. EMBASSY NICOSIA
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COMMENTS THAT:

--DENKTASH'S COMMITMENT TO DISCUSS TERRITORIAL QUESTIONS IN THE FORTHCOMING TALKS REINFORCES THE IMPRESSION THAT ANKARA IS USING HIM AS A PROXY TO EXPLORE ISSUES THAT IT CANNOT ADDRESS DIRECTLY WHILE THE ARMS EMBARGO IS IN EFFECT.

--WITHOUT OPEN TURKISH SUPPORT, HOWEVER, AND WITH IMPORTANT TURKISH CYPRIOT GROUPS OPPOSED TO TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS, DENKTASH WILL BE FORCED TO ADOPT A VERY CAUTIOUS APPROACH.

THE PRESENT OUTLOOK, THEREFORE, IS FOR A TOUGH POSITION ON TERRITORY FROM DENKTASH, MUCH GREEK DISAPPOINTMENT, AND MUCH HARD BARGAINING IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. TOO GREAT A DEFLATION OF GREEK EXPECTATIONS WILL UNDERMINE THEIR NEW WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A REALISTIC SOLUTION BASED ON BIREGIONAL FEDERATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) NICOSIA 2585, 8/22.

3. TURKS CLOSE INCIRLIK TO USAF THIRD COUNTRY FLIGHTS

THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF HAS GIVEN THE DAO'S OFFICE IN ANKARA NEW PROCEDURES REQUIRING USAF THIRD COUNTRY FLIGHTS TO USE TWO CIVIL AIRPORTS INSTEAD OF INCIRLIK AIR BASE. THE ORDERS:

--CONSTITUTE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOT'S DECISION TO RESTRICT INCIRLIK TO NATO OPERATIONS; AND,

--CLARIFY TO OUR DETRIMENT THE LAST MAJOR GREY AREA IN THE "PROVISIONAL STATUS" OF US FACILITIES.

ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT CHANCES OF A REVERSAL ARE NOT GOOD AT PRESENT, IT THINKS A STRONG REPRESENTATION TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE OUR POSITION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO FOLLOW THE "PROVISIONAL STATUS" PERIOD. THE EMBASSY INTENDS MAKING A DEMARCHE AUGUST 25 ASKING FOR A RECONSIDERATION BECAUSE:

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--THE US CANNOT ACCEPT THE GOT'S PREMISE THAT USAF FLIGHTS THROUGH TURKEY TO OTHER FRIENDLY NATIONS ARE UNRELATED TO NATO.

--RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE USE OF INCIRLIK WILL SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE COSTS OF MAINTAINING OUR F-4 SQUADRON THERE AND OF SUPPORTING OTHER UNITS IN TURKEY VITAL TO NATO DEFENSE PLANS.

THE EMBASSY FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER ENLISTING SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE RESTRICTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) ANKARA 6528, 8/22.

4. AID TO EGYPT - FRG PLEADS PROBLEMS WHILE DUTCH GIVE MORE

RESPONDING TO AN APPROACH BY CHARGE CASH, FOREIGN MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY HERMES:

--REFERRED TO THE FRG'S THREE-YEAR, DM 500 MILLION AID PROGRAM FOR EGYPT;

--PLEADED BONN'S GREAT DIFFICULTY IN FINDING NEW
MONEY, GIVEN THE PRESENT BUDGETARY STRINGENCY; AND

--CONCLUDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE FRG WOULD CONTINUE TO
SEEK ADDITIONAL FUNDS, IT COULD NOT PROMISE ANY
SPECIFIC AID AT THIS TIME.

WHEN QUERIED ABOUT CONCESSIONAL LOANS AND BANK CREDITS,
HERMES SAID THESE WOULD REQUIRE GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES,
WHICH ARE PRESENTLY NOT AVAILABLE.

MEANWHILE, EMBASSY THE HAGUE, IN ITS APPROACH TO THE GON,
HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE DUTCH WILL BOOST THEIR CALENDAR
1975 CONTRIBUTION OF \$5.7 MILLION BY AN ADDITIONAL \$12
MILLION. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 13753, 8/22 (EXDIS) AND
(CONFIDENTIAL) THE HAGUE 4246, 8/22 (EXDIS). ROBINSON

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